



*Touching Lives. Reaching Generations.*

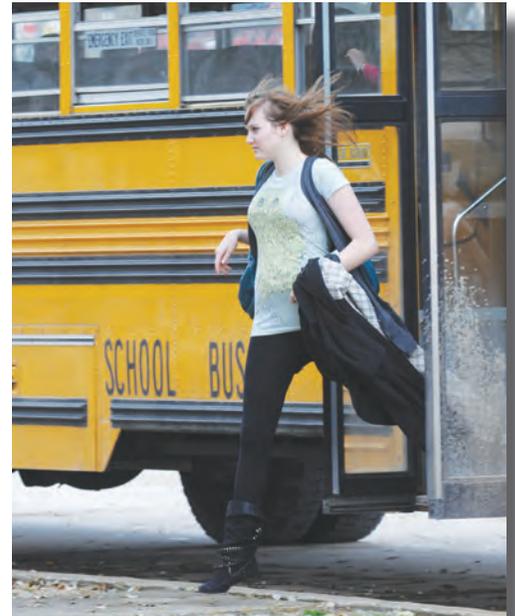
*Today, 80% of Arms of Hope's vans and cars are five years old or older and 50% are over 10 years old. Most of our vehicles have more than 100,000 miles and many have traveled around 200,000 miles. As we prepare for this back to school season, we need your help!*

Dear Friend,

On most days, our three Arms of Hope campuses are very busy places! With the new school year approaching, we are anticipating even busier days ahead!

In the mornings during the school year, it's a mad dash to get everyone ready and out the door for school. While our grade-school children ride the school bus, the pace never slows as we shuttle more than 150 children to doctor and dentist appointments... counseling sessions... athletic practices... field trips... ballgames... retreats... and other recreational outings. Meanwhile, we have 12 College and Career students and 65 Together Program single mothers who are being shuffled between multiple university, junior college, trade school and career classes. Then, of course, Arms of Hope transports more than 250 residents and house parents to church every week, which allows each child and single mother an opportunity to be spiritually blessed.

Sometimes I think Arms of Hope's boys and girls, college students and mothers will wear out with all this activity. Of course, they don't - but our vehicles do. And that's why I need your help...



*With the new school year approaching, we are anticipating busier days ahead!*



*Our residents don't wear out from all their activity, but our vehicles do! Please help us as we continue to transport our children, teens and mothers.*

During the past couple of years, we have obtained ten vehicles that we either purchased or were blessed to receive as donations, which has thankfully helped us replace part of our aged fleet. Today, 80% of Arms of Hope's vans and cars are five years old or older and 50% are over 10 years old. Most of our vehicles have more than 100,000 miles and many have traveled around 200,000 miles. Like a typical family, our children are in and out of these vehicles all day long. With this being the case, although we take great care of our vehicles, they wear out quickly. Arms of Hope's fleet typically travels close to 2,500 miles per day, which equates to around one million miles per year! The cost of maintenance and fuel for the fleet is typically around \$350,000 per year.

Recently, Arms of Hope expanded its Together Program capacity by twenty-four families and increased its College and Career program to twelve students. These exciting developments have increased our transportation needs dramatically. Yet, as we try to account for these "growing pains" with the capability of our existing aging fleet, we realize we must acquire more vehicles soon.

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*Each of our Residential Child Care Cottages and Together Program residents utilizes vans like in the above picture. Arms of Hope is currently in need of purchasing three additional vans.*

We currently need three full size replacement vans, three mini-vans and four mid-size sedans in order to replace our vehicles that have been used to the point that their upkeep is cost prohibitive. We've done some frugal shopping and can purchase a full-size, 15-passenger van for \$22,000 (3 needed), \$15,000 per mini-van (3 needed) and \$12,000 for mid-size sedans (4 needed). Could you help us purchase these much-needed automobiles by sending a generous gift to Arms of Hope today? Do you have a low mileage vehicle for which you would like to receive a tax deduction, in order to help the children and single mothers we serve? Or, could you help us by sending money for maintenance and gas?

If your answer is "yes," then thank you so much. I assure you, the boys and girls, College and Career students and Together Program single mothers who will be using these vehicles every day will appreciate your generosity, too.

Sincerely,

Troy Robertson  
President & CEO



*As we all get ready for school to start back, please consider helping Arms of Hope youths like Andreas Dozier (pictured left), the little children in our day care facilities, College and Career students and Together Program mothers logistically get to where they need to be to get ahead in life. Would you consider helping Arms of Hope purchase vehicles or provide money for maintenance costs or fuel? Arms of Hope residents are thankful for all you have done to help them learn they, too, can have hopeful futures.*

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